

Quick Strokes

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Do-it-yourself Conversion

You will need an alcohol torch, some solder and a soldering iron, and a 50KM gauge. Instructions for using the gauge come with it. From Speedy Keyboard, \$20. Get the torch, solder, and iron locally.

It is not necessary to saw type slugs so as to pair characters in the authentic Dvorak manner. Match the diagrams for the lower case and let the shifted symbols go with them. Do-it-yourselfers can rewrite the few exercises in Dvorak, Synergistic Typing that involve the special symbols, or cope with them as they are.

Another way is to give us the model, make, and serial number of the machine to be converted, and Speedy Keyboard will find out whether a Dvorak-arranged segment is available for it. If we inform you that it is, then order it and let your local dealer install it (or do it yourself).

Speedy Keyboard is in touch with workmen in Michigan, Illinois, Alabama, California, New York, and New Jersey who have experience in conversion. The suggested fee is \$100. Unless you repack in the original package, you should be prepared to pay out about \$9 for packing for shipment. Five dollars each way will probably cover postage.

Learners' manual

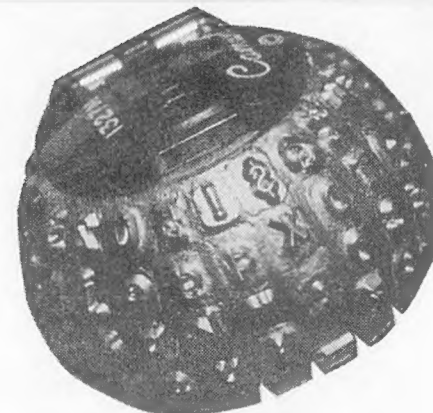
The only text in print for instruction on Dvorak-arranged keyboards is Synergistic Typing, by August Dvorak. It is complete in 53 lessons, with 40 pages of timed practice material, xii

pages of introductory material, an index, and a progress chart. It is as nearly definitive as a textbook can be. The author is, with W. B. Dealey, the inventor of the Dvorak Simplified typewriter keyboard arrangement. He is a doctor of philosophy and was for many years a professor and dean at the University of Washington. He is the author of a hundred published papers, including the seminal work on typing teaching and typing learning, Typewriting Behavior. He was director, for eighteen years, of the Carnegie Foundation study of typing. He is retired from the United States Navy with the rank of commander and has served as a Ford Foundation fellow for two years as a consultant to the Ministries of Education of Nigeria, Ghana, and Sierra Leone. The book is \$15 and is available from B. Levine, 1133 Grove St., Irvington, N. J., 07111, or from other dealers whose names Speedy Keyboard will supply.

Converting the Selectric typewriter

The Dvorak-arranged typing element for the IBM Selectric typewriter is available at the Levine address, above, and from other SK dealers. See page 2 of this issue of Quick Strokes. It is available in both pica and elite type, although the selection of faces is limited. The impression varies according to the Selectric machine it is used in. The w and W are light sometimes. SK will check whether the inhibitors can be adjusted.

A second method involves a rearrangement of certain components -- not the wiring -- in the Selectric. It produces a Dvorak arrangement with traditional pairing. This is the only practical method for converting an MTST/MTSC system. The cost should not be over \$100 per machine. SK will check.



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Built-in Dvorak

Speedy Keyboard has secured its typewriters so far only from SCM. Three models are available with Dvorak Simplified keyboard arrangement:

Electra 120, see photo, page 4. Its price is \$207.

Coronet Electric 12, with 12-inch carriage. Two-toned, in Cypress brown and adobe, yellow mist and sunsand, Ascot gray and moonstone, or Aztec blue and seamist. Five repeat actions including spacebar. \$213.

Classic 12. Manually powered. Half spacing and repeat spacing. \$149.

On all these, if you want two type bars with removable type, your machine will be delivered with exclamation point and an extra figure 1 at the left end of the top row. Please specify also the type size, pica or elite.

If you send your check with the order and give a business address where someone will sign for the package and you can pick it up, we can avoid a shipping charge. The package will be addressed to Philip Davis in your care. Open it and do the checkout yourself. The nearest SCM dealer will usually correct any defects without charge. Delivery usually in about eight weeks. On all items, New Jersey purchasers please add 5% sales tax.

If you want a machine of another make, or an office model, send \$20 and we will return it if we cannot fill the order within six months.

Relabelling keytops

Until Speedy Keyboard can recommend something better, you can resort to half-inch gummed labels, Dennison or other, from a stationery store.

Advertising

Quick Strokes accepts advertising at \$10 per square inch, e. g., one column by three lines.

Schools

Speedy Keyboard Training Center, with its admissions office at 357 Avon Ave., Newark, N. J., offers on-site teacher training for companies that have an internal training system. SKTC has reserved a classroom on Central Ave., East Orange, N. J. and will offer operator training when sponsorship for a class of six trainees has been found.

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SKTC will be able to secure discounts for its trainees on some equipment. Other schools would be well advised to consult SKTC -- we have the hands-on experience.

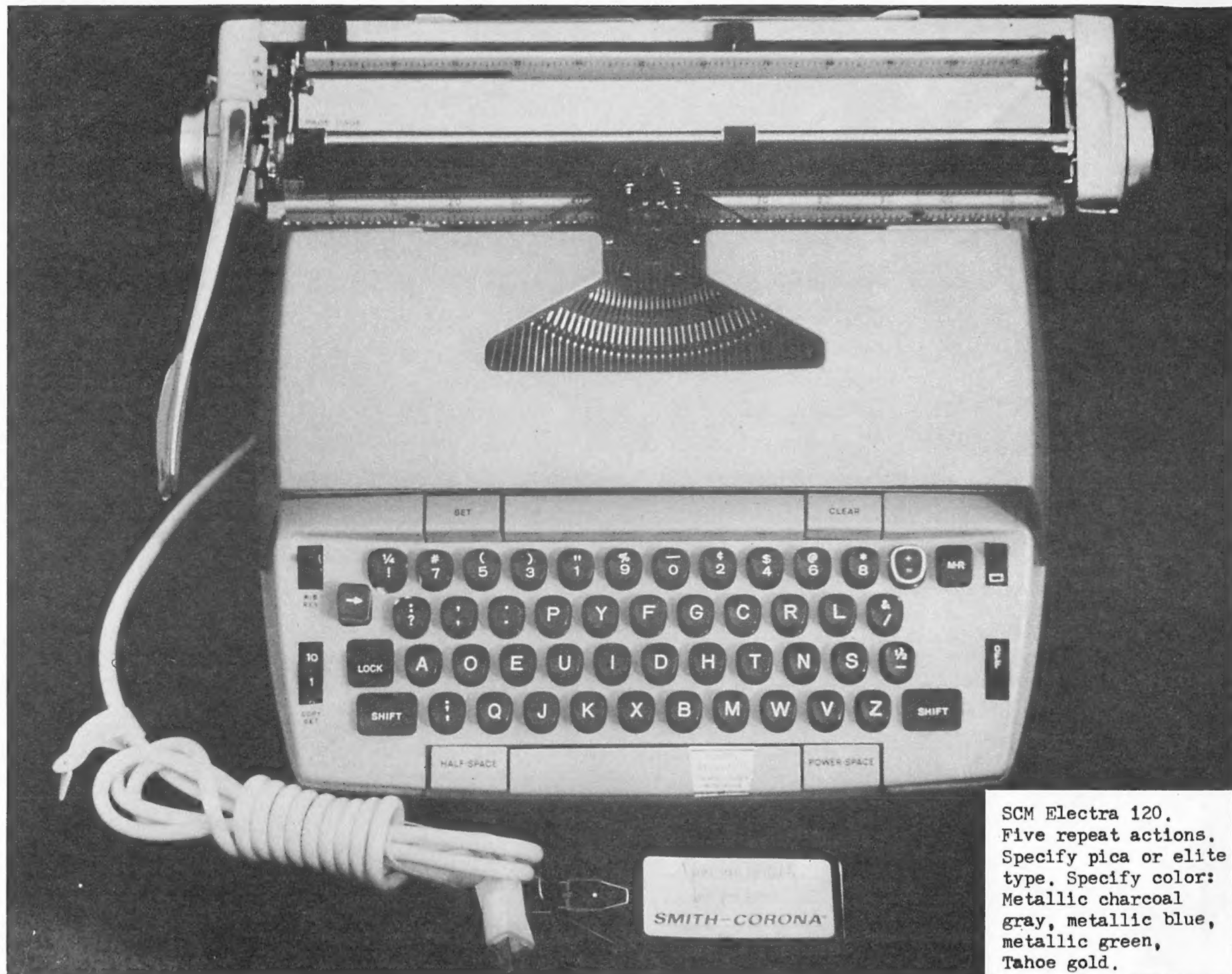
Commercial applications

The one we can talk about is at the Toronto Globe and Mail, King and York Sts., Toronto, Ont., Canada. There, conversion is computerized and is expandable within wide limits. Planned or projected applications are in banking, life insurance, health insurance, and manufacturing (electrical), all on a larger scale.

Placement

Placement has never been difficult for trained (60-wpm) Dvorak operators who provide their own machines. A Dvorak operator is always better than the same person would have been with the same amount of training and experience on qwerty.

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SCM Electra 120.
Five repeat actions.
Specify pica or elite
type. Specify color:
Metallic charcoal
gray, metallic blue,
metallic green,
Tahoe gold.